(c) whether it is a fact that these educational institutions get economic assistance from some Asian countries; and

(d) the details of how the above activities are affecting country's security?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) As per information available, no such survey is being conducted. However, Registrar General of India (RGI) conducts census once in every ten years, in which data are collected on various socio-economic parameters, like age, sex, marital status, scheduled Castes/Scheduied tribes status, educational level and economic activities, etc. The last census was conducted in the year 2001. The next decennial census will be in 2011.

(b) and (c) There are no specific reports in this regard.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) and (c) above.

Doubt on postmortem reports of some inmates of Tihar Jail

2557. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether expressing doubts that postmortem reports of some priosoners in Tihar Jail were fudged, a right panel has sought study of cases of deaths in Asia's largest prison in the past three years;

(b) whether five members National Human Rights Commission Team visited Jail in December, 2007 to scrutinize condition of inmates and suggested the Commission to conduct a study as in many cases postmortem reports were fudged and reviewed several times at the instance of the police; and

(c) the action Centre has taken to check the human rights violation in jails?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR, SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Pursuant to the direction of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) for reporting of deaths in judicial/police custody, seven deaths which occurred in Tihar Jail during June, 2007 were reported to the Commission. Concerned with the number of deaths in a short duration of time, the Commission directed for an inspection by its team of officials on the conditions in Tihar Jail and in particular the deaths which had occurred. The four member team which visited Tihar Jail submitted their report on 31.7.2007. The Commission had made certain observations in respect of postmortem examination and the lack of trust between doctors and police officers in that regard. The team recommended a study for ascertaining as to whether or not criminal justice system was subverted.

(c) Since 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, the responsibility of implementation of recommendations of the National Human Rights Commission lies primarily with the respective State Governments. However, Central Government issues advisories from time to time to the State Governments in this regard.